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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

2012 CHILD WELFARE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED TODAY

Foster Care Review Board recognizes honorees for helping children in foster care

[Press release](#)

The Detroit News: Editorial: Ads in judicial elections are a problem - again; Voters should be wary of anonymous or misleading attacks on records of judicial candidates

"Once again, Michigan's lax campaign finance disclosure laws are allowing someone or some group to mount attack ads against judges without having to identify themselves. And in a separate issue, state Democrats are floating untrue attack ads against conservative incumbents seeking re-election to the Supreme Court."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Traverse City Record-Eagle: Truth Squad: Supreme Court ads misleading

[Full story](#)

Daily Press & Argus: Sentencing upheld for home invasion

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has affirmed the sentence of a Livingston County man convicted of home invasion in a case that stemmed from an apparent dispute between neighbors. An attorney for Vaughn Edward Stecker, 77, argued the trial court erred when it scored points against Stecker for 'predatory conduct.' "

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Father and son have nearly 50 years combined as NJC faculty

"Retired Judge James L. Ryan, formerly of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Detroit, and his son, Daniel P. Ryan of the Third Judicial Circuit Court in Cincinnati, have been a part of the of the National Judicial College since its very beginning."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: Justice Champ

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sosnick was honored as the 2012 winner of the Champion for Justice Award on Friday, Oct. 12, at a luncheon hosted by the Family Law Assistance Project (FLAP) and Common Ground Legal Services at the Auburn Hills campus of Cooley Law School."

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Women dominate high court ballot

"Area women are making a place for themselves this fall in the annals of Michigan's judicial history. Four women are running the state's highest court — three who were nominated by the Democratic Party and one nominated by the Republican Party."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Hometown Life Newspapers: Redford's Connie Kelley is candidate for Michigan's Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

Hometown Life Newspapers: Push for library gun ban misfires in Birmingham

"... Ultimately, it's the courts which might decide the issue. [Dearborn attorney Jim] Makowski said the Michigan Court of Appeals heard oral arguments [on July 11] in a case over whether a library can ban weapons. The case involves the Capital Area District Library in Lansing, which adopted a policy banning all weapons from the library building."

[Full story](#)

Ingham County Legal News: 54A District Court celebrates 11th Sobriety Graduation

" 'I am excited to have seven graduates here today for our 11th Sobriety Court graduation,' said Hon. Louise Alderson opening the ceremony held on October 11th at The Lansing City Hall in downtown Lansing."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Donald T. Anderson, former Kalamazoo County judge, remembered for fairness, humor, love of family

"Donald T. Anderson's life was filled with achievements that he held dear, not the least of which was reaching the century mark on his birthday last November. Anderson was a native of Kalamazoo, where he was in the legal profession for 46 years and served as a probate and circuit judge for more than half that time."

[Full story](#)

Kalamazoo Gazette: Kathleen Brickley, Matt Cooper bring vast array of experience to race for Van Buren County Circuit Court judge

"After she became Van Buren County's first female judge less than six months ago, Kathleen Brickley said she decided to let her on-the-job performance determine whether voters would keep her on the bench this November."

[Full story](#)

Lansing Sate Journal: LSJ editorial: Best choices for justice and trustee; Incumbents joined by one newcomer

"The LSJ Editorial Board endorses incumbent justices Brian Zahra, Stephen Markman and newcomer Bridget McCormack for seats on the Michigan Supreme Court.... Based on detailed responses to questionnaires that can be viewed in the voter guide at lsj.com/elections, the board believes Zahra, Markman and McCormack bring the best mix of experience and diverse background to the state's highest court."

[Full story](#)

**** The Lansing State Journal article is available by subscription only.**

Also see:

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Voting for state Supreme Court Justices is a complicated affair

[Full story](#)

Lansing State Journal: Editorial: Vote Meadows, Ross for judge posts; Both have broad view of judiciary's role

"Ingham County residents are selecting a new judge for the 30th Circuit Court and East Lansing residents are selecting a new judge for 54B District Court.... The LSJ Editorial Board endorses Ken Ross for judge of

the 30th Circuit Court and Mark Meadows for judge of the 54B District Court, based on responses to candidate questionnaires that can be seen in the voter guide at lsj.com/elections."

[Full story](#)

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Also see:

The State News/East Lansing: Face Time: 54-B District Judge candidate Mark Meadows

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Court of Appeals welcomes new member

"Chief Judge William B. Murphy opened a recent special session of the Michigan Court of Appeals with the traditional 'all rise' as the robed appellate judges entered the Michigan Library & Historical Center auditorium to witness the investiture of Appeals Court Judge Mark T. Boonstra."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Bills affecting courts signed

"Governor Rick Snyder this week signed legislation aimed at increasing the efficiency of the Michigan court system and enhancing responsiveness for certain complex cases. The bills create two types of [business and veterans] specialized courts."

[Full story](#)

The Macomb Daily: Macomb lawyer in court by day, fields by evening

"Clad in overalls and a flannel shirt, Lou Zaidan looks and acts like a farmer. But he talks with a trial attorney's gift of articulation. With a quick change from a three-piece suit, Zaidan transforms from frequent civil and criminal practitioner in Macomb County courtrooms to crop-growin', chicken-feedin', machine-fixin' farmer."

[Full story](#)

Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Seeking change in the foster care system

"This week on Seeking Change, Christina Shockley talks with Angelique Day about the foster care system. Day grew up in foster care. She now focuses her work on researching and helping children in foster care in the state."

[Full story](#)

The MiLW Blog: On the road with the MSC

"The Michigan Supreme Court will set up shop at the Gerald R. Ford Museum Thursday, Oct. 25, at 12:30 p.m. to hear oral arguments in *People v. Minch*, a weapons seizure case. The choice of venue for the oral arguments is part of the MSC's 'Court Community Connections' program."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Jackson County Legal News: Students to witness oral arguments

[Full story](#)

Kent County Students to Witness Michigan Supreme Court Oral Argument for 'Court Community Connections'

[Press release](#)

Michigan Lawyers Weekly: The scoop on Michigan's 2012 ballot proposals

"When Michigan voters go to the polls next month to elect a president and a U.S. senator, they also will vote on six ballot proposals on a wide range of subjects."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Do you have questions for the Republican-endorsed Michigan Supreme Court candidates?

"Two Michigan Supreme Court justices and a third candidate seeking election to the high court plan to stop Tuesday morning at the Muskegon Chronicle hub for an editorial board interview. Planning the visit are justices Stephen J. Markman and Brian K. Zahra and Oakland County Circuit Judge Colleen O'Brien, all of them on the Nov. 6 ballot."

[Full story](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Black Women's Political Caucus of Muskegon County to discuss 'war on women'

"The Black Women's Political Caucus of Muskegon County will discuss the 'war on women' and meet local politicians Friday night.... Many politicians will be there as well, including Rep. Holly Hughes, R-White River Township; Rep. Marcia Hovey-Wright, D-Muskegon and Supreme Court candidates Shelia Johnson and Bridget Mary McCormack."

[Full story](#)

The News-Herald/Southgate: ELECTION 2012: DOWNRIVER: Four district judges are running unopposed in Nov. 6 election

"Four district court judges face no opposition for re-election in the Nov. 6 election. Running for the six-year terms in their respective courts are 23rd District Judge Geno Salomone, 27th District Judge Randy Kalmbach, 33rd District Judge Michael McNally and 34th District Judge Tina Brooks Green."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Michigan jury reform project honored with award

"'I come today to present the 2012 G. Thomas Munsterman Award for Jury Innovation to this court and the trial court judges who participated in the Jury Reform Pilot project,' said Robert Baldwin, National Council of State Courts (NCSC) vice president and general counsel, speaking before the Michigan Supreme Court in the old Supreme Court courtroom in the state Capitol building on Tuesday, Oct. 9."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Meet the Judges

"The Michigan Defense Trial Counsel (MDTC) hosted its 'Meet the Judges' event on Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Baronette Renaissance in Novi."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Judicial candidate's public support of Obama violates rules of conduct

"A judicial candidate's public support for a presidential candidate has violated professional rules of conduct. A lawyer seeking the judgeship for the 46th District Court located in Southfield publicly endorsed Democratic political candidates on her website and Facebook page — which goes against judicial conduct."

[Full story](#)

The Oakland Press: Southeast Oakland Community Connections: Royal Oak judge honored as he approaches retirement

"A crowd of 275 that included 41 federal, county and local judges gathered at Red Run Golf Club to salute the Honorable Daniel Sawicki as he prepares to retire after 32 years as judge of Royal Oak's 44th District Court."

[Full story](#)

Saginaw News: Judge won't dismiss felony charge against Saginaw student who pranked classmates with semen in breath mint drops

"[Saginaw County Chief Circuit Judge Robert L. Kaczmarek] has declined to dismiss a felony charge against the former Saginaw Arts & Sciences Academy student who put semen in a breath mint drop bottle and distributed to students."

[Full story](#)